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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-15227, dated January 22, 1999, and discussed in the first whole paragraph of page 2 of the specification;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-214868, dated July 31, 2002, together with an English language abstract of the same;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-182539, dated June 26, 2002, together with an English language abstract of the same;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 2003-98765, dated April 4, 2003, together with an English language abstract of the same;

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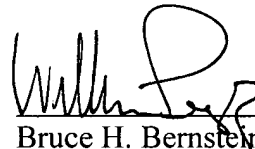
Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-182451, dated June 26, 2002, together with an English language abstract of the same; and

Japanese Patent Publication No. 5-323688, dated December 7, 1993, together with an English language abstract of the same.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

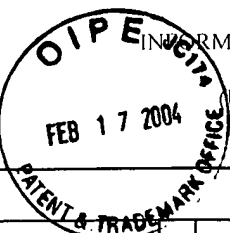
Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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